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Prior Application: N. IWAMI et al
USSN 08/743,849
Filed: November 5, 1996

Group Art Unit: 2661
Examiner: D. Ton
For: VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND
VOICE COMMUNICATION METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/743,849, filed on November 5, 1996, entitled VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND VOICE COMMUNICATION METHOD, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee						\$ 710.00
Total Claims	01	-	20	=	0 x 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	01	-	3	=	0 x 80 =	\$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$ 710.00

3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

4. Cancel claims 2-22 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/743,849, filed November 5, 1996, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/357,189, filed December 13, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,604,737.--.

6. New drawings are enclosed, twenty (20) sheets, Figs. 1-23.

7. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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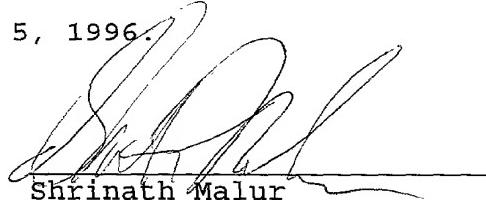
8. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

9. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 5-343162, filed December 15, 1993.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 08/743,849, as originally filed on November 5, 1996.



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